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1. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN LATE DECEMBER APPROVED A SALARY INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION AND OTHER EC AGENCIES. MODIFYING A COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR A BF 2,212 FLAT MONTHLY INCREASE AND A 0.3 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A BF 2,700 ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 1976.

2. THE COUNCIL DID NOT ANNOUNCE THE SALARY DECISION PUBLICLY. THE EC PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, JEREMY BAXTER, CONFIRMED IT TO US ONLY AFTER WE HAD LEARNED ABOUT IT FROM OTHER SOURCES. "IT IS NO SECRET," HE SAID, "BUT WE DON'T TALK ABOUT IT MUCH."

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3. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THE EC'S SEMI-ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT IS NO LONGER SO CLOSELY TIED TO RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, BUT IS WEIGHTED BY CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER (MOSTLY DOWNWARD) OF SALARIES PAID TO CIVIL SERVANTS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

4. SINCE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REMAIN "VERY SENSITIVE"
ABOUT THE EC INCREASE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE REPER-
CUSSIONS ON THEIR OWN CIVIL SERVICE, THE EC REGARDS
THIS DEVELOPMENT AS A STRICTLY "INTERNAL MATTER,"
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